

## The Outdoor Campus *Life Science* Fair Showcase

For Homeschool Students

**Thursday, February 16, 2017**

10 a.m. - Noon | The Outdoor Campus

Kindergarten – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade | Individual and Team Projects | Free!

The Outdoor Campus is excited to launch its first ever *life science* fair showcase for students ages K-12. Topics should be fun, exciting, and nature related. One of the greatest factors in this showcase is creativity. Feel free to take a unique topic and find all the “dirt” on it. Have a ton of fun learning about your topic and educating yourself as well as the audience. There will be prizes given for the individuals with the best presentation. Be prepared to give a short presentation of your topic to the judges. There will be many community members checking out the projects, as well as judges.

**How to Register:** The registration process is a brief, two-part process that can be done via at The Outdoor Campus or online (see attached form):

1. Fill out attached form for entry
2. Submit registration by the beginning of February 1

### Age Categories:

K- 4 | 5-7 | 8-12

### Team Size:

Teams can have up to 3 individuals

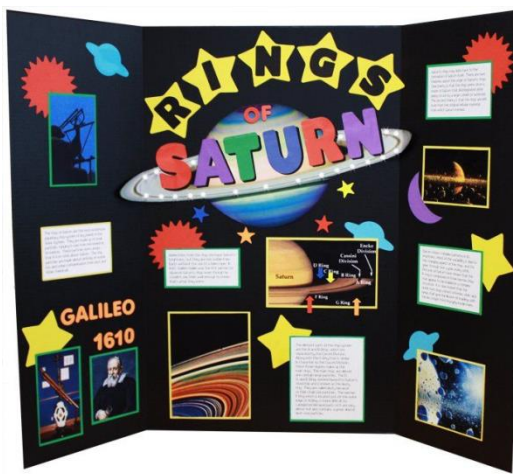
### Cost:

There is no cost to participate in the Science Fair Showcase: Only materials you choose to use.

### Deadline to Register:

February 1, 2017





## Specifications:

(For Science Fair Coordinators, Parents, and Students)

### Project Display:

Every project will be given a table for their display. Any project deemed, by The Outdoor Campus staff, to be unsafe is prohibited and will not be displayed. The following rules are necessary for the safety of exhibitors and visitors:

- No dangerous or caustic chemicals
- No open flames or flammable liquids
- No live animals, vertebrate or invertebrate or containers of mold, bacteria or fungi without prior approval.

### Presentation:

Each student will be assigned a time frame during which to present their project and answer questions from the judges and the general public. Students will be given 2.5 minutes to give an oral presentation of their project to the judges. Judges will then take up to 5 minutes to ask clarification questions of the teams. We encourage creativity in the presentation process and ask that you practice your presentation so that you are able to fit all the important information on your projects in the timeframe given.

### Expectations:

Students should engage in an investigation or experiment that utilizes the steps of the scientific method or a research paper.

### Judging:

The Science Fair Showcase judging rubric has been modified for all age groups and will be attached to the registration form. The 3 teams with the highest average score in each age category will be awarded prizes. In the event of a tie, the judges will select the winning project. Judges rulings are final.

### Questions?

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